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APPLICANT : Richard, Robert
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FOR : SUPERCRITICAL FLUIDS TO INFUSE THERAPEUTIC ON
MEDICAL DEVICE
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once amended) A method of coating a non-polymeric medical device

comprising:

interfacing a therapeutic with a supercritical fluid; and
transferring the therapeutic from the supercritical fluid to the medical device.

5. (Once amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the therapeutic substantially dissolves in the supercritical fluid.

12. (Once amended) A method of coating a non-polymeric medical device

comprising:

placing the medical device in a coating chamber;
coating the medical device;
interfacing a therapeutic with a supercritical fluid; and
exposing the coating to the supercritical fluid.

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